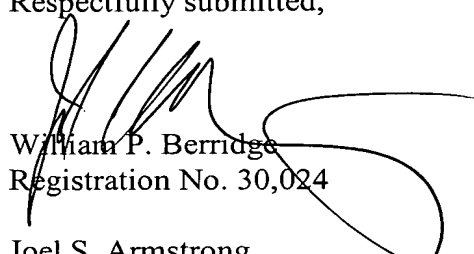


**REMARKS**

Claims 7 - 12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the abstract is added. Claims 1-6 are canceled and claims 7-12 are added. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Attachment: Abstract

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